

Coastal Cleveland way Itinerary (52 miles) – 5 Days - better for incorporating some sightseeing!

Day 1 – Saltburn-by-the-Sea to Runswick Bay - Approx. distance 12 miles (20km) and 550m (1800ft) of ascent.

Drive to Runswick Bay and get the [X4 Bus](#) which runs every 1/2 hour to Saltburn. The bus leaves from outside the Runswick Bay Hotel and you can get off at the Ship pub. The start of the Cleveland way coastal walk is just behind the pub, but it is worth walking to the sea front and taking a Selfie at the sign before following the sign towards Filey.



On the way to Skinningrove you will pass “the Charm bracelet” statue by Richard Farrington commissioned by Common Ground in 1990 as part of a partnership with British Steel and Northern Arts. From Skinningrove you will traverse Boulby Cliff (the highest cliff on the east coast of England) and then take in the vibrant harbour village of Staithes, which is a great spot for a rest overlooking the North Sea. From here you continue along the cliffs and back to your car at the lovely little village of Runswick Bay.

Day 2 - Runswick Bay to Whitby - Approx. distance 9 miles (14km) and 185m (600ft) of ascent.

Day 2 is a shorter walk to allow for that fact that you will need to arrive at Runswick at low tide to start the walk along the beach. It will also be nice to have time and energy for a walk around Whitby on arrival. Start the journey by driving to Whitby Abbey Headland Car Park (YO22 4EH) and walking down the 199 steps and over the swing bridge towards the station to pick up the X4 Bus to Runswick. On arrival at Runswick head down the slipway onto the beach (be sure to check the tide times!). Follow the sign up the gully and back to plenty of cliff top walking before we join the old railway track and drop down into the pretty village of Sandsend. It’s just a short walk now to the popular Whitby, where you will find plenty of opportunity to refuel on fish and chips. If you can, hold out for an iconic picture opportunity as you pass through the Whalebone Arch before dropping down into Whitby via Khyber Pass.



Once over the swing bridge we join the old town and pick up the coastal path again via the 199 steps that leads you to the majestic Whitby Abbey and the Car park. Whitby Brewery is just opposite if you fancy a celebratory pint.

Day 3 – Whitby to Fylingthorpe via Robin Hood's bay - Approx. distance 7 miles.

Get the bus [X93](#) bus from Fylingthorpe to Whitby bus station and head up the 199 steps to Whitby Abbey and the Cleveland way coastal path. From here we head for Robin Hood's Bay along the coastline passing the fossil rich and largely unknown Saltwick Bay. At Hawsker you will see a signpost indicating the point where Wainrights Coast to Coast joins the Cleveland way. Once Robin Hood's Bay comes into view you will join the Cinder Track which leads to the upper Robin Hood's Bay. Drop down to the seafront and the Bay Hotel, which must be a very welcome sight to the coast to coast walkers as it marks the end of their 190 mile journey from St Bees.

Leave the coastal path at the first opportunity to take an inland footpath and this should lead you down past Farsyde Farm and onto Mark Lane. At the junction turn Right onto Middlewood lane and at turn left after house number 4 to reach Seafern cottage via the allotment and the back garden.



Day 4 – Fylingthorpe to Scarborough - Approx. distance 12 miles (24km) and 640m (2100ft) of ascent.

Logistically, I prefer to get the X93 bus to Scarborough and walk back to Fylingthorpe to avoid waiting for a bus at the end of a long walk, however if you want to walk from Saltburn to Filey all in one direction then you will need to walk to Scarborough and get the bus back to Seafern Cottage. These directions will keep the walk in the same direction. Retrace your steps from the end of day 3 back to the coast and pick up the Cleveland Way passing Boggle Hole YHA and continue on your hike along the clifftops to Ravenscar. For today, it's mostly short, sharp undulations on the trail, until you reach the outskirts of Scarborough, where the trail becomes much flatter as you arrive in the seaside resort town. Points of interest today include the remains of an Alum works and twin waterfall at Hayburn Wyke.



Finally, we head down to the Northern end of Scarborough (Scalby Mills). The Watermark Café on Royal Albert Drive a good place to refuel, before walking along the sea front. Be sure to stop at the Freddy Gilroyd Sculpture for a selfie, before you reach South Bay where you need to follow the sign to the castle. Then follow Castle Road towards the town centre. At the roundabout turn left on to St Thomas street and follow this and turn right onto the pedestrianised main shopping street. Follow this road all the way to Scarborough Railway Station Bus Stop S. The journey back to Fylingthorpe takes around 40 minutes.

Day 5 – Scarborough to Filey - Approx. distance 11 miles (18km) and 350m (1150ft) of ascent.



Our final day takes us back to Scarborough on the bus or by car, where we retrace our steps back past the castle and drop down to the sea front. Leaving the hustle and bustle of the seaside town of Scarborough, you will soon see the former location of the Holbeck Hall Hotel which slipped into the sea in 1993. Your route then follows the coastline and headlands; take time to savour the coastal scenery on your final walking day! Follow the yellow arrows and acorn signs for Cayton Bay. If you need refreshments 'The Salty Dog' is a short detour off the coastal bath at Cayton Bay and is open most weekends. As you reach Filey Brigg, your hike is complete, and you just need to head into the town centre to find the number [12 & 13 bus](#) which will get you back to Scarborough in around 30 minutes. Buses run hourly in winter from the bus station. You will find the bus station by heading up Cargate hill.

If you would like to see more of the route in pictures I can recommend [The Walking Diary](#).

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